

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
GARY ADAMS,  
Defendant.

Case No. 19-cr-00146-MMC-1

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION FOR COMPASSIONATE  
RELEASE PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C.  
SECTION 3582(C)(1)(A)(i);  
RELEASING DEFENDANT FROM  
CUSTODY; IMPOSING ADDITIONAL  
CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISED  
RELEASE**

On April 29, 2020, defendant Gary Adams ("Adams") filed a "Motion for Compassionate Release Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 3582(c)(1)(A)(i)." The matter came on for telephonic hearing on May 14, 2020. Molly A. Smolen of the United States Attorney's Office appeared on behalf of the government, and John J. Jordan of the Law Office of John J. Jordan appeared on behalf of defendant.

The Court, for the reasons stated on the record at the hearing, orders Adams's term of imprisonment in both CR 01-329-MMC and CR 19-146-MMC reduced to a term of time served, specifically, 403 days, followed by concurrent five-year terms of supervised release on the same conditions as imposed in the Amended Judgments filed in February 2020, and on the additional condition that, upon his release, Adams must complete a six-month residential drug treatment program at Center Point.

In so ruling, the Court finds, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i), the following circumstances, when taken together, constitute "extraordinary and compelling reasons" warranting such reduction: (1) Adams's medical conditions, specifically, diabetes, for which he receives insulin injections three times per day, high blood pressure, and

1 asthma, all of which have been identified by the Centers for Disease Control as  
2 conditions creating a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, see  
3 [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html),  
4 [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html);  
5 (2) his age, 60 years, which, when coupled with his medical conditions, has been  
6 recognized as an additional factor increasing such risk, see id.; (3) his confinement at  
7 Santa Rita Jail, where over 50 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19, see  
8 [https://www.alamedacountysheriff.org/admin\\_covid19.php](https://www.alamedacountysheriff.org/admin_covid19.php); and (4) the fewer than three  
9 months that, as of the date of this order, remain before Adams's projected release date.

10 In addition to the above, the Court has considered the factors set forth in 18  
11 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and finds the small reduction in Adams's sentences will have no  
12 significant effect on any of the factors the Court considered at the time of his original  
13 sentencing. The Court has also considered whether Adams poses, as provided in 18  
14 U.S.C. § 3142(g), a danger to the safety of any other person or to the community. In that  
15 regard, although his record does include two convictions for violent offenses, the most  
16 recent of those convictions occurred more than thirty years ago while the earlier of the  
17 two occurred almost forty years ago, and, having reviewed Adams's record as a whole,  
18 the Court finds he does not pose such a danger.

## 19 CONCLUSION

20 For the reasons stated above, the motion for compassionate release is hereby  
21 GRANTED as follows:

22 1. It is hereby ORDERED that Adams's term of imprisonment in both CR 01-329-  
23 MMC and CR 19-146-MMC be reduced to a term of time served, specifically, 403 days,  
24 and that Adams be released from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons on Tuesday, May  
25 26, 2020, by no later than 12:00 noon.

26 2. Upon his release, Adams shall be on supervised release in both CR 01-329-  
27 MMC and CR 19-146-MMC for a term of five years, said terms to run concurrently, on the  
28 same conditions as imposed in the Amended Judgments filed in February 2020, and on

1 the additional conditions that Adams, upon his release:

2 (1) shall be transported by his brother Bruce Meadors from Santa Rita Jail directly  
3 to Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, 1001 Potrero  
4 Avenue, San Francisco, California 94110, where he shall be examined by his nurse  
5 practitioner and obtain a COVID-19 Release Letter permitting congregate living; and

6 (2) shall, after obtaining said release letter, be transported by Bruce Meadors  
7 directly to the Center Point Treatment Program, 207 1st Street, San Rafael, California  
8 94901, where he must complete a six-month residential drug treatment program and  
9 obey all of said program's rules and restrictions.

10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

11 Dated: May 22, 2020

  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge